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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE;

TO WHICH ARE PREFIXED

THE

CONSTITUTION OF THE U. STATES

AND OF SAID STATE,

IN TWO VOLUMES,

WITH AN APPENDIX.

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shall be armed or disguised, or exact, demand, or ask any money or thing of value, every person being of such company shall forfeit and pay the sum of eight dollars, or be imprisoned not exceeding one month.

SEC. 10. *Be it further enacted,* That if any person or persons shall set fire to any pile of combustible stuff, or be any ways concerned in causing or making a bonfire in any street or lane, or any other part of any town within this State, such bonfire being within ten rods of any house or building, every person so offending, shall, for each offence, forfeit and pay the sum of eight dollars, or be imprisoned not exceeding one month. The several fines in the eighth, ninth and tenth sections of this Act, shall be recovered, with costs of prosecution, one moiety of said fines to the use of the town wherein the offence shall be committed; and the other moiety to him or them who shall sue for the same. And all masters are hereby made liable to pay the several fines as aforesaid in this and the two next preceding sections, for the offences of their servants; and all parents for the offences of their children under age and not being servants.

Penalty for making bonfires, &c. in the street.

Fines how recovered.

Parents liable for fines in certain cases.

[Approved February 24, 1821.]

CHAPTER CXXVI.

An Act to diffuse the benefits of Inoculation for the Kine Pock.

SEC. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That it shall be the duty of every town, and plantation within this State, wherein no board of health shall be established by law, at their annual meetings for the choice of town officers, to choose, in the manner in which other town officers are by law chosen, three or more suitable persons whose duty it shall be to superintend the inoculation of the inhabitants of such town, or plantation, with the kine pock.

Each town required to choose superintendants of inoculation,

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That it shall and may be lawful for the inhabitants of any town, or plantation, at any of their said annual meetings, to provide for the inoculation of the inhabitants of such town or plantation with the

and may provide for inoculation and raise necessary funds therefor.

kinge pock under the direction and controul of said superintendants, or a board of health, where such board is established; and to raise all necessary sums to defray the expense of such inoculation, or such part thereof as they may deem proper, in the same way and manner that other town charges are by law defrayed.

[Approved February 14, 1821.]

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CHAPTER CXXVII.

An Act to prevent the spreading of the Small Pox, and other Contagious Sickness.

SEC. 1. **BE** it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled, That for the better preventing the spreading of infection, when it shall happen that any person or persons coming from abroad, or belonging to any town or place within this State, shall be visited, or shall lately before have been visited with the plague, small pox, pestilential or malignant fever, or other contagious sickness, the infection whereof may probably be communicated to others; the Selectmen of the town where such person or persons may arrive or be, are hereby empowered to take care and make effectual provision in the best way they can for the preservation of the inhabitants, by removing such sick or infected person or persons, and placing him or them in a separate house or houses, and by providing nurses, attendance and other assistance and necessaries for them; which nurses, attendance, and other assistance and necessaries, shall be at the charge of the parties themselves, their parents or master, (if able) or otherwise at the charge of the town or place whereto they belong; and in case such person or persons are not inhabitants of any town or place within this State, then at the charge of the State.

Selectmen to make provision for sick persons arriving from infected places and removing them to safe places.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That any person or persons coming from any place out of this State, where the small pox or other malignant distemper is prevailing, into any town within this State, shall, when thereto required by the Selectmen of such town, within the space of two hours from the time they shall be first informed of their duty by law in this particular, give notice to one or more of the Selectmen,

Persons arriving from infected places to give notice, when duly required, of their coming, place from, &c.